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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Reese House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

223, 225 Joppa Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☒ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Joan H. Dance, H. Stephens Dance

Telephone #: 321-0591

STREET &amp; NUMBER

225 Joppa Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21204

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

New Courts Building

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>Summer, 1978</u>

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**


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Although it is described as a single structure, this two story frame duplex is divided into two longitudinally oriented houses. The shingled sides extend four bays in width and five bays in depth, and are topped by a gable-end roof. The foundation is beveled formstone block.

The gable end of the north facade, or main facade, assumes the appearance of a pediment vented by a pair of 1/1 sash windows. The deep eaves have tongue-and-groove soffit.

Two pair of steps consisting of six treads and seven risers lead to a full porch which extends the first story to the north, is enclosed and divided by a shingled railing, and is supported by formstone piers. The roof, which has a sky blue tongue-and-groove ceiling, is supported by doric columns.

Each half of the building has a pair of 1/1 sash windows on the second story. Entrance doors occupy the inner bays of the first story and a pair of 1/1 sash windows occupy the outer bays.

The northernmost bay of the west facade is nearly windowless, however there is a cellar entrance. There are two 1/1 sash occupying the central bays of both stories, and a single 1/2 sash occupies the southern bay. The central and southern bays are divided by an interior flue chimney which exits the roof in the form of a rock-face formstone cap nine blocks high.

The south facade displays a regular fenestration. The first story is covered by a full porch, the center 1/3 of which is enclosed for a pantry space. The outer thirds are open but covered with a shed roof with a tongue-and-groove ceiling and enclosed with paneled railing. The tongue-and-groove flooring of the porch itself is reached by three wooden steps, and is supported by formstone piers.

The east facade is unlike the west in two ways. First, there exists a 1/1 sash window in the northern bay and second, the cellar entrance is covered by a hipped-roof hood with spindled brackets suggesting tracery. This roof is supported by thin columns and the tongue-and-groove ceiling is painted blue. There is evidence that a roof of this nature existed on the west facade as well.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See Attachment

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

WAYNE L. NIELD, II  
HISTORIC TOWSON, INC.

D. Owings

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Summer 1978

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

## TITLE SEARCH for # 223 W. Joppa Rd.

Liber 5716, Folio 501 January 12, 1977

Grantor: Dorothy L. Cross Sadler & husband Roy L. Sadler

Grantee: Joan M. Dance

"Beginning...southwest side of Joppa Rd...East 24.33'...  
at a point in line with center of partition wall between house  
erected on lot...adjoining on the West...East 25.67'...Two following  
courses and distances viz: West 93.89'...West 22.80' to point in  
line with partition wall...East and through center of wall...105.80'...  
beginning...known as # 223 W. Joppa Rd."

Liber 5578, Folio 913 October 23, 1975

Grantor: Dorothy L. Cross Sadler

Grantee: Dorothy L. Cross Sadler & husband Roy L. Sadler

Liber 5549, Folio 644 July 17, 1975

Grantor: Jessie A. Cross

Grantee: Jessie A. Cross & Dorothy L. Cross Sadler (Jessie Cross died Sept. 17, 1975)

Liber 3023, Folio 280 September 21, 1956

Grantor: Joseph E. Sadler & Marie A. Sadler

Grantee: Jessie A. Cross

Liber 1521, Folio 101 September 21, 1956

Grantor: Amanda D. Reese

Grantee: Jessie A. Cross Et. al.

Liber 621, Folio 447 September 23, 1925

Grantor: James A. McGuire & wife

Grantee: Mary M. Reese et. al.

Liber 612, Folio 511 June 7, 1925

Grantor: Sarah E. O'Dell et. al.

Grantee: James A. McGuire & wife

- Restrictions: 1) That the house to be erected on said lot shall  
be at least 25' from the south side of Joppa Rd.  
2) That no house shall be erected upon said lot  
costing less than \$ 5,000.

"Beginning...on west side of a 20' alley...West 90'...East 117' on  
the south side of Joppa Rd....East 101'7"...West 70'...beginning."

Liber 232, Folio 571 June 1, 1898

Grantor: Home Permanent Mutual Land and Building Association of Balto. Co.

Grantee: Sarah E. O'Dell

## TITLE SEARCH for # 225 W. Joppa Rd.

Liber 5598, Folio 370 December 30, 1975

Grantor: Lillian C. Hartman, Representative of Estate of Gertrude L. Croghan

Grantee: H. Stephens Dance

"Beginning...southwest side of Joppa Rd....West 24.33' to a point in line with the center of the partition wall between the house erected... on the lot adjoining on the east...West...through the center of said wall... 105.81'...two...courses and distances viz:...West 22.21' to a stone and... East 117.08' to place of beginning known as 225 W. Joppa Rd."

Gertrude departed intestate and Letters of Administration were granted to Lillian C. Hartman by the Orphans' Court of Baltimore County June 6, 1975 Estate Docket JLD 37/281 (File No. 37036).

Liber 3102, Folio 151 February 8, 1957

Grantor: Marguerite G. Lloyd

Grantee: Gertrude L. Croghan & John J. Croghan, Jr.

Liber 3102, Folio 150 February 8, 1957

Grantor: Gertrude L. Croghan

Grantee: Marguerite G. Lloyd

Liber 1519, Folio 122 October 28, 1946

Grantor: Amanda D. Reese

Grantee: Gertrude L. Croghan

Liber 621, Folio 447 September 23, 1925

Grantor: James A. McGuire & wife

Grantee: Mary M. Reese et. al.

"...south side of Joppa Rd. at the end of the second line of...lot deed dated June 2, 1925...WPC 612/511...part of the third line of said deed 50'...Southerly 94'...West 90'...Westerly 45' to end of said line... Northerly...117'..."

Liber 612, Folio 511 June 7, 1925

Grantor: Sarah E. O'Dell et. al.

Grantee: James A. McGuire & wife

Restrictions:

1) That the house to be erected on said lot shall be at least 25' from the south side of Joppa Rd.

2) That no house shall be erected upon said lot costing less than \$5,000.

"Beginning...point on west side of a 20' alley also at the end of



third line of the whole lot of ground...dated June 1, 1898...  
232/571...West 90'...East 117' on the south side of Joppa Rd....  
East 101'7" to west side of alley West 70' to place of beginning."

Liber 232, Folio 571 June 1, 1898

Grantor: Home Permanent Mutual Land & Building Association of Baltimore County

Grantee: Sarah E. O'Dell et.al.

W. Joppa Rd.

#223-225

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MD DEPT. OF ASSESS & TAX

TOWSON  
SCALE 1" = 200'

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TAX MAP EVERAL

MAP NO.  
70A

BALTIMORE COUNTY, SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET 70A



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#223-225 W JOPPA RD.  
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W. NIELD  
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#223-225 W. JOPPA RD.  
S.W. CORNER

W. NIELD  
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E. FACADE - DETAIL

W. NIELD  
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